

DETAILED ACTION

1. The finality of the previous office action is withdrawn (please see the interview summary), **the applicant's submissions on 01/23/2009 are entered.**
2. The prior office actions are incorporated herein by reference. In particular, the observations with respect to claim language, and response to previously presented arguments.
3. Claims 1, 3-12, 14-15, 18, 23-27 and 31-32 are pending in the application.
4. Claims 31 and 32 are cancelled by an examiner's amendments made in this office action.
5. Claims 1, 3-12, 14-15, 18 and 23-27 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

6. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/ or additions be unacceptable to the applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with the applicant's representative Ms. Bhavani S. Rayaprolu on March 02, 2009.

Claims 1, 14, 18, 27 and 31-32 have been amended as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented system that facilitates processing credentials between remote entities, comprising:

a computer memory having stored thereon the following components ~~stored in memory~~
executable by a processor :

a wrapper that packages credentials associated with resources of a service, wherein the service is a platform provisioning service associated with at least one partner, the platform

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provisioning service and the partner maintain an account to process the credentials, the at least one of the platform provisioning service and the partner employ a Universal Resource Locator (URL) to present the credentials to the account; and

a cryptographic wrapping key generated from a pass-phrase, the cryptographic wrapping key is utilized to generate a the wrapper that encapsulates the credentials, the pass-phrase employed to facilitate access to the credentials, the credentials employed to provide encrypted communication between a remote user and the service that facilitates access to the resources of the service, and the pass-phrase distributed separately from the credentials.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 ~~13~~, ~~the platform provisioning service associated with at least one partner~~, the partner including at least one of a tenant and a service provider to form at least one of a billing, a financial, and an accounting service.

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) A method to facilitate a security connection between remote entities, comprising:

generating a strong password via a random generation function associated with a standard platform;

generating a human-readable pass-phrase; deriving a wrapping key from the pass-phrase;

wrapping the password cryptographically via the pass-phrase, wherein the wrapping key facilitates in encapsulating the password in a wrapper;

storing the wrapped password in an executable; ~~and~~

transmitting the executable and the pass-phrase to a remote user system separately via different communications mediums, wherein the remote user employs the pass-phrase to unlock the strong password stored in the executable, the strong password employed to establish a trust relationship with an entity; and

requesting a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) connection, presenting an SSL certificate in response to the request, verifying an SSL certificate, requesting a Universal Resource Locator (URL) from a listener, presenting authentication credentials to a receiver, or logging in a caller to an account.

Claim 27. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented system ~~to~~ that facilitates a security relationship between parties, comprising :

~~a computer processor for executing~~ a computer processor for executing the following means stored in computer memory :

means for generating credentials comprising at least a password;

means for generating a pass-phrase;

means for generating a package of credentials by wrapping the credentials with a cryptographic wrapping key derived from the pass-phrase, wherein the credentials are encapsulated by the wrapper, the credentials are associated with resources of a platform provisioning service associated with at least one partner, the platform provisioning service and the partner maintain an account to process the credentials, the at least one of the platform provisioning service and the partner employ a Universal Resource Locator (URL) to present the credentials to the account;

means for transmitting the package and the pass-phrase to a system via different communications mediums; and

means for storing the credentials separate from the pass-phrase.

Claim 31. (Cancelled)

Claim 32. (Cancelled)

EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowances:

Independent claims 1 and 27 are patentable over the cited prior arts because they do not anticipate nor fairly and reasonably teach independently or in combination, a system/ means comprising besides other limitations: packaging credentials associated with resources of a service, wherein the service is a platform provisioning service associated with at least one partner, the platform provisioning service and the partner maintain an account to process the credentials, the at least one of the platform provisioning service and the partner employ a Universal Resource Locator (URL) to present the credentials to the account; and a cryptographic wrapping key generated from a pass-phrase, the cryptographic wrapping key is utilized to generate a the wrapper that encapsulates the credentials, the pass-phrase employed to facilitate access to the credentials, the credentials employed to provide encrypted communication between a remote user and the service that facilitates access to the resources of the service, and the pass-phrase distributed separately from the credentials.

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Independent claim 18 is patentable over the cited prior arts because they do not anticipate nor fairly and reasonably teach independently or in combination, a method comprising besides other limitations: wrapping the password cryptographically via the pass-phrase, wherein the wrapping key facilitates in encapsulating the password in a wrapper; transmitting the executable and the pass-phrase to a remote user system separately via different communications mediums, wherein the remote user employs the pass-phrase to unlock the strong password stored in the executable, the strong password employed to establish a trust relationship with an entity; and requesting a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) connection, presenting an SSL certificate in response to the request, verifying an SSL certificate, requesting a Universal Resource Locator (URL) from a listener, presenting authentication credentials to a receiver, or logging in a caller to an account.

Dependent claims are allowed because of their dependency on the allowable independent claims.

CONCLUSION

8. Claims 1, 3-12, 14-15, 18 and 23-27 are patentable.
9. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shanto M Z Abedin whose telephone number is 571-272-3551. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Moazzami Nasser, can be reached on 571-

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272-4195. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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